

AMENDMENTS

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replaced the paragraph beginning on page 8, line 18 as follows:

--The tunable block filter consists of a ceramic block with metallization in some areas to form a coaxial combline structure. Elaboration on applying metallization to ceramic blocks is set forth in a commonly owned, co-pending patent application entitled, "METHOD OF APPLYING PATTERNED METALLIZATION TO BLOCK FILTER RESONATORS", serial number 10/736,467 ~~TBD~~, filed on 12/15/2003 to Mohammed Mahbubur Rahman. This patent application is incorporated in by reference.--

Please replaced the paragraph beginning on page 10, line 12 as follows:

--The varactors will be biased by a bias circuit (not shown herein, but depicted in the patent applications incorporated in by reference). This bias circuit could be implemented on the board where this SMD block filter would be mounted. The input/output coupling to the filter is shown in the figures as capacitive coupling, but it could also be inductive. Also, coaxial probes with connectors could be used. Examples of input/ouput coupling which is both capacitive and inductive is fully set forth in commonly owned, co-pending application serial number 10/742,739 ~~TBD~~, filed December 19, 2003, entitled "ELECTRONICALLY TUNABLE BLOCK FILTER WITH TUNABLE TRANSMISSION ZEROS", to Qinghua Kang et al. This patent application is incorporated in by reference.--